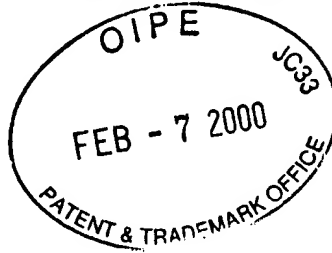


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Please add the following claims to this application.

--39. The method of Claim 2 wherein the selective estrogen receptor modulator has a molecular formula with the following features:

- (a) two aromatic rings spaced by 1 to 2 intervening carbon atoms, both aromatic rings being either unsubstituted or substituted by a hydroxyl group or a group converted *in vivo* to hydroxyl;
- (b) a side chain possessing an aromatic ring and a tertiary amine function or salt thereof.

40. The method of Claim 3 wherein the selective estrogen receptor modulator has a molecular formula with the following features:

- (a) two aromatic rings spaced by 1 to 2 intervening carbon atoms, both aromatic rings being either unsubstituted or substituted by a hydroxyl group or a group converted *in vivo* to hydroxyl;
- (b) a side chain possessing an aromatic ring and a tertiary amine function or salt thereof.